

## GIRLS REFUSE TO WEAR SKIRTS WHILE BATHING

Driven from Westmoreland's Waters, They Move Camp into Allegheny.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 21.—The one piece bathing suits barred by the Westmoreland county district attorney are still much in evidence along the Ohio and Allegheny rivers. Society girls, of Sewickley and Berkeley Heights, continue to disport themselves in the water in the "Annette Kellermann" garb.

When the Westmoreland county prosecutor ordered skirts on the women's bathing suits the girls moved the camp further down the river into Allegheny county, and now the craze has created a furore in Oakmont and Verona, headquarters for things aquatic.

Ministers of nearby boroughs are urging the district attorney to arrest all girls who insist on displaying graceful forms. Some of the girls say the crusade was started by those who have no attractive lines.

The Pennsylvania railroad has notified the police of Sharsburg borough to stop all Sunday bathing at Skimble island, railroad property.

Postmaster Says His Office is Boycotted

FELGUS FALLS, Minn., Aug. 21.—T. H. Froese, postmaster at Vinin, complains that his office is being systematically boycotted by some business men of that village. After he was appointed postmaster at Vinin in February last, he says, certain firms began mailing all their letters on the train. He appealed to the railway mail clerks and was allowed to go aboard the trains to cancel the stamps on letters that ordinarily would be mailed in his office.

The trouble is attributed to a suit Froese brought against the bank of Vinin a few years ago.

## YOUNG HUSBAND

Seventeen-Year-Old Father Charged with Deserting Wife and Child.

ORANGE, N. J., Aug. 21.—Attired in knickerbockers, Russell Hollenback, 17, of 561 Orange street, Newark, was arraigned before Police Judge Edward W. Woodman for stealing a bicycle and was then turned over to the Essex county probation office for deserting his wife and daughter.

The youthful appearance of the lad caused many to doubt his family troubles, but he explained that when 16 he married Mary Owen, of Newark, and that she had him arrested for not speaking to her, following a quarrel. She left his home, he said, and failed to invite him to the christening of their daughter, so he could not give the infant's name.

Hollenback was held in \$300 bail on the larceny charge and was taken to the probationer's office.

## FEMALE CHEMISTS

May Be Put to Work Making Shells for the British Army.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—A scheme to employ women who have received scientific education for shell making is now forming in the ministry of munitions. The making of munitions is highly technical and trained chemists are badly needed.

Many women have studied chemistry and chemical research for years for no other object than teaching or in the interest of abstract science. Their names now appear in the register of women for war work. Special departments for women chemists will be created in the factories, it is said.

## ANNOYING

To the German Soldiers Are the Street Boys of Brussels.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 21.—The Brussels ketjes street boys have found a new method of annoying the German soldiers. They carry scissors in their sleeves and when they get close to a German soldier in a crowd, they cut off the leather knot of his sword and carry it away as a trophy.

A boy of fifteen has just been sentenced to three months' imprisonment for having boasted that he had secured fifty-four knots. A Belgian banker is said to have offered \$300 to anyone who will relieve General von Bissing of his sword knot. The knots are generally sold for the benefit of the Belgian Red Cross, and they bring higher prices than any other trophies.

## FIRE HORSES

Bolt with Load of Stone When Bell Rings.

HAZZLETON, Pa., Aug. 21.—Hearing the Hazleton fire alarm being tested, two fine horses of the Pioneer company, working at the stone crusher, bolted, tearing through the business section with a load of cracked rock in the wagon at their heels.

Barely missing scores of teams and autos, they collided with the car of Earl Delrich, wrecking the machine.

## HALF MILLION SOON FOR BETTER ROADS

According to Calculations of the State's Highway Experts.

CHARLESTON, Aug. 21.—More than one and a half million dollars will be expended in making permanent improvements on the highways of West Virginia during the next few years. This figure is taken from the bond issues already authorized and proposed issues that will be submitted to a vote of the people in several of the counties. It is probable that many other counties will call bond elections within the next year in response to the statewide movement for permanency in road construction.

Monongalia county will vote on a \$440,000 bond issued September 1, and should it carry the money will be expended for the construction of brick roads in Union and Morgan districts of that county.

Summers county proposes to spend \$150,000 in the improvement of the public roads in Greenbrier district of that county and \$20,000 in Talbot district. The people will vote on a bond issue August 28. The people of Wyoming county also will vote on that date to determine whether or not \$50,000 in bonds shall be issued for the improvement of earth roads in that county.

Logan county has proposed the construction of a permanent road leading from the rural districts of the county into the county seat, and early in September the people will be asked to express their sentiment in regard to a \$270,000 bond issue. Cabell county already has sold \$300,000 worth of the \$600,000 bond issue of last spring.

## MIRAGES

Are Sources of Great Annoyance to Troops under General Botha.

CAPETOWN, Africa, Aug. 21.—Mirages caused great annoyance to the troops of General Botha's forces during their recent strenuous campaign in German Southwest Africa. An officer describes the manner in which these mirages appeared in a letter from the field.

"The fatigue became awful. I began to get light headed. The sky seemed to become a straight wall in front of us, and the effect of the moonlight, through the dust made me imagine I saw great palaces and churches, with the stars as little windows."

"Then I would pull myself together and look at the men riding in front and they would turn into funny old giants dancing in the moonlight. I learned afterwards that everyone suffered from these hallucinations. There was no check now we galloped on and on, mile after mile, over stones, drooping branches, just leaving it to the horses. Those splendid horses. They were far sadder than we were."

## ANNUAL FAST

Of the Mussulman Observed by Many Mohammedan Soldiers.

PARIS, Aug. 21.—The Turkish Algerian riflemen—and other soldiers of the Mohammedan faith from other parts of Africa serving in the French army, now drink their coffee at sunset, take their lunch thirty minutes later and have their dinner at midnight. This turning of night into day is the consequence of the Ramadan, the annual fast of the Mussulman, extending over a period of a month from July 13 to August 12, during which he abstains from food and drink every day between dawn and sunset.

Following the rule established last year, to respect the religious fasts of all the soldiers in the French army and facilitate their observance, the minister of war ordered that the commissary department furnish supplies to the Mohammedan soldiers in accordance with their traditions.

## BELGIANS TIE MACARONI IN THEIR COAT LAPELS

In Celebration of Italy's Declaration of War upon Austria-Hungary.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—When the Italian arms were removed from the Italian embassy in Brussels, the people of Brussels knew immediately that Italy was at war with Austria and celebrated the event by wearing small Italian flags in their button holes. But they did not wear them long, as the German authorities arrested the flag vendors and published an order against this method of showing sympathy.

Whereupon all the Belgians went about with small pieces of macaroni tied to their lapels, according to a story authenticated by a traveler in Brussels.

Orders had been published that there should be no display of national insignia or national colors of the Belgian or her allies. When the Belgian national holiday came around black flags were hung out of every Belgian home. A number of offenders were accordingly arrested. They pleaded that the order said "colors," and that black was no color, but the absence of color. Therefore they had not violated the order.

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## Prisoners In Siberia Fare Well

Their Lot is Not a Bad One as They Have Amusement and Plenty to Eat.

MOSCOW, Russia, Aug. 21.—A detailed picture of the life of prisoners of war in Siberia has been received by a Moscow merchant from one of his correspondents in a town several hundred miles in the interior of Siberia. There are over 14,000 prisoners now in this locality, he states, and preparations are being made for the reception of 10,000 more.

The correspondent declares that the lot of the prisoners is not a bad one—they are assisted to pass the time by the provision of various amusements and occupations, and the daily routine of their existence is governed along moderate and humane lines. The Germans are kept separate from other nationalities.

"From 6 o'clock in the morning until 8 at night," writes the correspondent, "the prisoners are allowed to do gymnastic exercise, to play games, to sing, to play music. Gardening is also allowed where it is possible."

"The prisoners get the same food as Russian soldiers and all but the Germans are allowed to work privately outside."

"The Germans are not allowed to go out without a special permission, and then an armed escort accompanies them. At the present time the Germans are working in construction camps, repairing roads, or loading and unloading steamers. Five hundred Germans are planting potatoes and cabbages for themselves; one hundred Germans are cutting timber for firewood."

"When new prisoners come they are immediately told that they must keep good order and that they have nothing to fear, as our law obliges us to treat them kindly. Every prisoner has a right to come to see a Russian officer and to make to him his complaints, and no complaint is left unattended to, and those who are guilty, either Russian soldiers or prisoners, are immediately severely punished."

## High Air Games Are Played

By Oakland Bank Clerks as Their Playground is a Roof Garden.

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 21.—To add figures properly, a man must eat properly. The ideal bank clerk must mix recreation with his statistics. Baseball, in moderation, is first aid to calculation of interest.

An hour on a roof garden makes several hours of more efficient service.

These are facts discovered by officers of the Oakland Bank of Savings. They constitute the reason for Oakland's aerial playground.

Oakland has a roof garden and athletic field several hundred feet in the air and right in the heart of the city. It cannot be seen from below the battlements of a high bank building hide it—and one cannot even hear, from the rumbling streets, the sounds of merriment that accompany baseball games or target practice high in the air.

Only a few bank clerks know of the aerial playground—for it is theirs, and no outsiders are allowed to participate in their sports on the roof. They dine there, a little café being situated at one of the corners of the playground, and a long shooting gallery is another attraction. Overhead baseball is another feature of the place.

The novel aerial playground is situated on the top of the Oakland Bank of Savings building. It is owned and supported by a bank clerk's club.

When the noon hour comes the clerks and officers take the elevator, rise nine floors and climb a short flight of stairs—and Oakland has disappeared. They are no longer in the city. All they can see is the blue sky. Dimly they can hear the crash of the streets—but all they see is four vast lake garden walls, their rustic café and the galleries and baseball diamond.

They usually enjoy a ball game or a little target practice and when the noon hour is over return to their duties refreshed and with increased efficiency.

## TOO YOUNG

To Marry Says Newspaper Editor, Who is Eighty-Three Years Old.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—The oldest editor of the United States is back on the job again. Henry A. Reeves, of the Republican Watchman, of Greensport, Long Island, has returned to his office following his recovery from a major operation. He is 83 years old.

For a time following the operation physicians thought that Mr. Reeves would not live. Three months afterward he returned to his desk, as hale and hearty as ever. Friends have suggested that the editor has enjoyed a long enough period of single blessedness and should now cast off his bachelorhood. Mr. Reeves says he prefers to wait until he feels that he has reached years of discretion.

## SERBIA GUARDED.

(By Associated Press.) BELGRADE, Aug. 21.—The general frontier of Serbia is now guarded by French aviators, the river boundary is protected by an English naval contingent and there are two Russian batteries of artillery entrenched behind Belgrade.

## LEARN CAUSE OF DIABETES

Too Much Dextrose, Form of Sugar, Say Rockefeller Institute Doctors.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—Two Rockefeller Medical Institute physicians, Drs. Samuel J. Meltzer and I. S. Kleiner, assert that they have discovered the primary cause of diabetes, a matter that has puzzled scientists for centuries.

Dextrose, a form of sugar less sweet than cane sugar found in the tissues of all animals, most sweet fruits and berries—grapes, raisins, cherries, etc.—is to blame for diabetes, the investigators say.

Extensive experiments showed the retention in the blood of dextrose. In diabetes they found the dextrose content of blood higher than normal. It escapes through the kidneys, which, having other functions to perform, cannot take on additional services. Thus the disease is formed.

The institute scientists have discovered that the pancreas, a gland extending transversely from liver to spleen, distributing pancreatic juice into the bile duct, plays an important part in warding off diabetes.

Formerly surgeons thought by removing the pancreas they might cure diabetes. Usually it killed the patient or brought on "galloping" diabetes.

Two points thus were proved. One was that a surplus of dextrose does pass off through the kidneys, and if continued, ultimately must cause diabetes.

The other was that a normal animal can throw off without harm an occasional large quantity of dextrose. Such injections into dogs after removing the pancreas, however, resulted fatally—or, at least, the removal of the pancreas did.

The experiment showed that after the removal of the pancreas there was no power remaining in the circulation tried itself on the surplus of dextrose.

## LONELY GIRL WRITES MESSAGE ON AN EGG

Two Hundred Letters Already Received by the Farm Lassie.

STROUDSBURG, Pa., Aug. 21.—Unless Sadie S. Sade calls for the 200 or more letters awaiting her at the Stroudsburg postoffice, Postmaster Decker will make application for enlargement of the office.

Sadie is the girl who wrote a message on an egg stating that she was lonely on the farm, and then placed it with other eggs, which were being prepared for shipment. This particular egg fell into the hands of Guy Hanby, a store clerk, in Wilmington, Del., and immediately Guy's heart yearned for lonely Sadie. So did the hearts of others, else there would not now be 200 letters waiting for her at the office here.

Alfred McVey, postmaster there, has prohibited men from entering the postoffice in their bathing costumes. He is understood to have issued his ukase under his blanket authority to maintain order in the postoffice.

No action will be taken here until a formal appeal is made and the fair bathers present their attire for the inspection of the postmaster general.

## STRAW HATS

May Be Worn by Veterans during the Hot Months, According to Order.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 21.—During the twenty-seven years' existence of the Pacific branch of the national home disabled volunteer soldiers, all headgear other than the military cap for full dress or the uniform felt fatigue hat has—however uncomfortable in warm weather—been tabooed by regulations.

Governor Berry, having learned that at some of the eastern branches the wearing of straw hats is permitted, has issued the following:

"Special orders, No. 35. Permission is granted members to wear straw hats during the warm weather from June 1 to October 31, provided that no straw hats except those of an approved pattern on exhibit at the post and store at the National Home may purchase these hats at the post fund store at practically cost; or they may purchase them elsewhere."

## ALASKAN FOREST IS CUT IN TWAIN

## Sword of Honor is Finished

And the People of France Are Ready to Present It to King Albert.

PARIS, Aug. 21.—The sword of honor to be presented by the people of Paris to King Albert has been completed by the sculptor, Feltu. It will first be submitted to General Florentin, grand chancellor of the Legion of Honor, then to Monsieur Poincaré, president of the republic, after which it will be placed on view for a time at the exhibition of Belgian art at the Petit Palais.

"No thoroughfare," is the inscription upon the guard at the foot of the hill in the form of a statuette in massive gold, representing a young athlete upon the defensive, brandishing a club. The statuette represents the Flemish type, a Belgian having posed for the figure. The guard is also of massive gold, bearing the arms of the city of Paris in blue and red enamel, with the cross of the Legion of Honor and the device: "Fluctuat nec mergitur" and the date of 1914 in diamonds upon an oak branch in green enamel. On the letters upon blue enamel, is the inscription: "To the people of Paris to His Majesty Albert I, king of the Belgians." The inscription on this side is surmounted by a laurel wreath set with emeralds and rubies.

The blade of the sword is in steel of Saint Etienne, ornamented with panoplies of steel upon gold, with these lines by Jean Richeppin: "Droite, sans tache, sans effort. J'ai pour arme ton ame, O-Roi." ("Straight, spotless and fearless, I have for my soul thy soul, O King.")

The sheath is of fish skin, tanned by a process revived from the eighteenth century. The chape bears the arms of the thirteen Belgian provinces, on a field of flowers and vegetation of the country; flax, hops and colza. It is surmounted by a mural crown.

The belt is a very rich piece of embroidery, designed by Madame Van Driest, in eight different golden tints, with ivy, symbolizing attachment; wheat, figuring abundance with oak indicating force and the laurel leaves of glory, interlaced upon velvet in the colors of Paris. The golden belt buckle is composed of three civic crowns, one of them forming the frame for the figure of a charging chevalier—emblem of war—another the Gallic cock, and the third the Belgian lion. The sword is enclosed in a white satin case with the crowned monogram of King Albert.

Everything is symbolic in the design and execution of the work, even the way in which it is to be presented, unsheathed, to indicate that it should not be sheathed excepting after the liberation of Belgium.

## BATHING SUITS

Burleson to Pass upon Propriety of Costumes of Some Fair Bathers.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Is lady's bathing suit, especially if designed to display her charms, disordely? This is the question that soon may be put up to Postmaster General Burleson by the fair bathers of Rockaway Beach, N. Y.

Reproach from the beach say William A. McVey, postmaster there, has prohibited men from entering the postoffice in their bathing costumes. He is understood to have issued his ukase under his blanket authority to maintain order in the postoffice.

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## LUSITANIA NEWS

One Thousand Pages of Newspaper Clippings Collected by Mrs. Vanderbilt.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—Ten volumes of 100 pages each, containing newspaper clippings touching on every phase of the sinking of the Lusitania, have just been completed for Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt. The volumes are designed as a memorial to her husband, who was a passenger on board the steamship when it was

## By a Proclamation by President Wilson Returning Great Area to Public Domain.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The area of the Chugach national forest, Alaska, which is to be crossed by the railroad that the government is building from Seward to Fairbanks, is reduced nearly one-half by a proclamation, signed by President Wilson, returning approximately 5,802,000 acres to the public domain. This action follows classification of the land by the forest service showing that the areas involved are not of high enough timber value to warrant government protection, and means the largest elimination of national forest land ever made by a single presidential proclamation.

The boundaries of the forest, as redrawn by the president's proclamation, now contain approximately 5,818,000 acres, supporting about 8,000,000,000 feet of merchantable timber. On the area thrown out of the forest there is in the aggregate a large amount of timber, but it is so

Sparse and Scattered as to be of little or no commercial value. The land remaining within the forest, however, contains the largest and most accessible supply of timber for cutting and seasoning the great mineral fields to the north of Bering river, and is the region in which the Alaskan engineering commission has been authorized to cut 85,000,000 feet of timber for use in constructing the government's new railroad. On account of the time required for cutting and seasoning construction timber, the commission has had to purchase some lumber from Washington and Oregon, but as cutting has already commenced on the Chugach, it is expected that the Alaskan timber will soon be serving the needs of the railroad builders.

Three Tracts Eliminated. The lands eliminated by the proclamation are in three large tracts; one along the entire southern slope of the Chugach mountains, the second lying northeast of Seward, between Resurrection bay and Kings bay, and the third, northwest in the Kenai mountains, in the region around Tustumena and Skilak lakes. In addition, the towns of Hope, Sunrize, Kenai and Nulichek are eliminated.

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## Iodine

Extracting and Marketing Has Been Taken by Norway Since War Began.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Aug. 21.—The extraction and marketing of iodine which was almost entirely in the hands of English firms before the war, has been taken up in Norway. For many years the people along the Norwegian coast have made a business of gathering seaweeds, burning them and exporting the ashes to England, where iodine was extracted. The English firms had such complete control of the production that it was impossible for Norwegians to compete successfully, but the war increased prices to such an extent that some Norwegian promoters started two iodine factories, with the seaweed producers at stockholders. In less than a year's time one of these companies has earned a surplus of twenty percent of the capital.

The gatherers of the seaweed have pledged themselves against further exportations to England, and they are sending the raw material to the Norwegian factories.

## JOKE ON HUSBAND

Fooled Wife about Another "Peach" and Now He is in Jail.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Aug. 21.—Some time ago Martin Troxell and wife separated. He went to Easton and got a job. To furnish her with evidence to get a divorce, he wrote her a letter stating that he had met a "peach" in Easton, and that he wasn't fat, either. He offered Mrs. Troxell a champagne dinner if she would come to Easton to see his new affinity.

Instead, Mrs. Troxell, thinking if he were getting along so well that he could buy champagne, went to an alderman and had him arrested for non-support. Troxell says he wrote the letter as a joke and that it's on him, all right.

## STRANGE FISH

Bears Resemblance to Alligator, Eel, Garfish and Mackerel.

MADISON, Wis., Aug. 21.—A curious looking fish has been caught in Lake Monona by M. J. Meyers. It resembles at once an alligator, an eel, a garfish and a mackerel with a bill much wider and flatter than that of a duck. The fish has two sets of propeller fins. Its mouth, pursed like a tobacco pouch, half opened, is on the reverse side of its head.

Its back is caked with heavy scales similar to those of an alligator. It weighed about three pounds.

torpedoed by a German submarine. Three months of labor was required for the completion of this collection of clippings. It is believed that it will eventually be given to the library at Yale.

## ENGLAND CALLS UPON AUSTRALIA TO SEND MORE MEN TO FRONT

Commonwealth Endeavoring to Respond to Call without Delay.

MELBOURNE, Australia, Aug. 21.—A message having been received from the imperial authorities appealing anew for as many Australian soldiers as possible, the commonwealth is endeavoring to respond to the call without delay.

A short time ago recruiting fell off seriously and the minister for defense was obliged to make a personal plea for more volunteers, but since then the recruiting has improved and, it is believed, the required number of reinforcements—about 5,000 monthly—will be obtained in the near future. The government is pledged to furnish the monthly quota of reinforcements to make good the wastage in the Australian ranks in Turkey before it undertakes the raising of fresh expeditionary forces.

Once the shortage in reinforcements has been met the defense department is likely to send an additional contingent.

## AUTO TURNS SOMERSAULT; KEEPS GOING

Three Women Are in the Machine but None Are Badly Hurt.

DENVER, Col., Aug. 21.—Auto mishaps, more or less serious, are of frequent occurrence the country over, but it is not every day that a big motor car, bearing three women, suddenly bucks like a frightened broncho, rears itself in the air, turns a back somersault, rolls over on its side and finally comes to rest on its wheels, right side up, still in shape for further travel, and without seriously injuring any of the occupants or the machine itself.

Mrs. T. F. Fortson, of 1200 Logan street, was driving the machine. In the front seat with Mrs. Fortson was Mrs. Norman L. Hughes, 1266 Downing street, while Miss Rose Kennedy, a stenographer for the Interstate Trust Company, living with Mrs. Fortson, occupied the rear seat. Miss Kennedy did not receive a single scratch, while Mrs. Fortson received only a slight cut on the hip and ankle, and Mrs. Hughes suffered slight bruises on her left cheek.

Mrs. Fortson and Miss Kennedy fell from the car when it first started to career. Mrs. Hughes, however, was shot out over the smooth lawn of the park bordering the road for fully twenty-five feet. She was dazed when she picked up, but soon recovered her senses.

"It was like a hideous nightmare," Mrs. Fortson declared when seen at her home. "It all happened so quickly I couldn't realize it. We were driving at a moderate rate of speed when a big roadster came up behind us. Another car was moving slowly in front of us. I saw that there was not room for three machines in the road and I speeded my car so that my machine could get beyond the forward machine in time. I was excited and I guess must have thrown on more power than I thought."

"When the front wheels plowed into the bay grit and sand which composes the surface of the road at that point, I lost control of the steering wheel. The car seemed to rise in front of me and after that I can't tell what happened. How we escaped with our lives is more than I can explain."

The total damage to the machine was not more than \$25. The left front fender was bent and the glass in the windshield was broken. When the women clambered back into the frantically car, the motor was still running. Mrs. Fortson released the brake, threw in the clutch and sputtered away down the drive as though nothing had happened.

## NO GIRLS IN HEAVEN SAYS OHIO WOMAN

Teacher of "Individual Science" Makes a Very Startling Assertion.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 21.—"Feminine personality does not exist in heaven," is the belief of Mrs. D. D. Butcher, teacher of "individual science," which aims at the perfection of true mating. Mrs. Butcher says:

"Woman goes to heaven after death, but becomes a part of man. The theory involved in individual science is that the sun, as male, is the true mate of the earth, as female. The earth is the producer. On earth men and women must become perfect before perfection of spiritual body can be attained."

In the reflection of him. Men and women unite in forming the spiritual body. They retain their identity but remain as one." Mrs. Butcher doesn't believe woman is subordinate to man. She says each has a separate duty to perform. She will select as her pupils, girls and young women.

The Shermogue Oyster Company has just planned on the New Brunswick coast twenty-two acres of oysters and five acres of cluth (spawm) at a cost of \$100,000.